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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 22, 2006, and pursuant to the interview conducted with the Examiner dated March 21, 2007, Applicants kindly request reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of November 22, 2006.

In that Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 46-51 as being anticipated Eastlake et al., "XML-Signature Syntax and Processing" (Eastlake). In that rejection the Examiner made reference to general sections of the Eastlake article. Accordingly, a telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner on March 21, 2007 in order to attempt to determine the precise application of the Eastlake reference to the claim limitations. The Examiner's position will be addressed in detail in the following discussion.

The present invention is claimed in independent claims 46, 48, 50 and 51. These claims are directed to a data processor or data processing method.

Turning to, for example, claim 50, the method receives and processes data to which information for tampering detection is added. Data is received which includes an authentication information region for including tampering detection information, a protected data region for including data to be subjected to tampering detection, and an unprotected data region for

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